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COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner Webb,

Please see the attached Response to Office Action and Affidavit.

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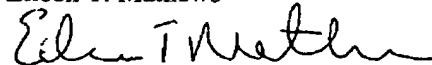
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006.

The pending claims are set forth on pages 2-8 of this paper.

Remarks are set forth on pages 9-23 of this paper.

An Affidavit under 35 U.S.C. 1.131 is attached herewith.